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SUBJECT: PLO DELEGATION TO UNGA

REF: BEIRUT 13454

1. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, OUR IMPRESSION OF REASONS FOR CONFUSION ON PART OF SALAMEH REPORTED PARA 1, REFTEL IS LESS THE INEFFECTICACY OF GOE IN CONVEYING USG POSITIONS AND PRIMARILY WHAT APPEARS TO BE CHAOTIC COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS WITHIN PLO ITSELF. SO FAR AS WE CAN TELL, THE GOE TRIED HARD TO MAKE THE PLO REPS HERE UNDERSTAND, BUT WAS APPALLED AT WHAT EGYPTIANS DESCRIBED AS LACK OF ANY COMPREHENSION ON PART OF PLO REPS OF INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES.

2. JUDGING FROM COURSE OF DEVELOPMENTS, WE HAVE IMPRESSION SALAMEH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND THEN STRUCK OUT ON HIS OWN. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, AS REPORTED CAIRO 9040, ARAFAT CONTENDED (THROUGH EGYPTIANS) THAT SALAMEH HAD NO AUTHORITY REMOVE AWWAD FROM LIST. EGYPTIANS ARE FRANK TO STATE THEY HAVE SELDOM WORKED WITH A MORE POORLY-ORGANIZED GROUP THAN PLO REPS FOR WHOM THEY HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING ARRANGE VISAS WITH US. THEY COMPLAIN THAT NOTHING SEEMS TO SINK IN.

3. AS A SEPARATE BUT RELATED MATTER, WE ALSO UNDERSTAND ARAFAT FINALLY DECIDED AGAINST PROFFERED EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT WHEN

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GOE INSISTED IT COULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE AT SPECIFIC DE-

PARTURE TIME DESIGNATED BY ARAFAT BECAUSE THE PLANE WAS IN
COMMERCIAL USE AND WOULD ONLY BE USEABLE BY PLO DEL LATER IN
THE DAY.
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